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Dispensary agent Amber Tolchin measures out flowers for a medical marijuana patient at Denver Relief, a medical and recreational marijuana dispensary. ANTHONY SOUFFLE/TRIBUNE

Vacation pot smokers should beware back home

Chicago Tribune

A visitor to Colorado or Washington can enjoy all sorts of fine legal activities in those states. Ski. Hike. Drink local beer. Eat local food. Take a scenic drive on a twisting mountain highway. Smoke pot.

But only one of those pastimes might get a traveler in trouble when he or she gets back home—and it's not the scenic drive.

Softening attitudes about marijuana have created new avenues for tourism but also created a quandary for travelers: Yes, you are free to smoke or eat weed in Colorado and Washington. But should you face a drug screening back home, that perfectly legal activity a few states over suddenly doesn't seem quite as legal.

"An employer is very much empowered to fire you for any trace of marijuana in your urine regardless of where it comes from," said Erik Alteri, spokesman for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "All it takes is for your employer to call you in for random drug test after that trip to Aspen,

and you could lose your job."

Alteri said he has heard of "about a dozen" people who have lost a job in such a scenario, but he did not provide further details.

Though attitudes about marijuana are changing rapidly—Oregon and Alaska have approved recreational use, and five more states will put the matter before voters in 2016—an obvious disconnect is growing between updated laws and antiquated ideas.

Courts still are in the early stages of hashing out the matter. In October, the Colorado Supreme Court took up the issue of whether a man's legal use of medicinal marijuana could be grounds for his employer, Dish Network, to fire him in 2010.

Though the case weighs the issue of medicinal consumption, it could be a bellwether on whether legal recreational use also is protected, at least in Colorado. Though the man fired by Dish Network, Brandon Coats, insists he was never high at work, traces of pot can remain in the system for weeks, which led to his

positive test result.

Therein lies the issue for travelers: What was legally done two weeks ago can remain in the body. Unlike alcohol testing, most drug tests do not necessarily indicate present impairment.

"I don't think the 55 percent of voters that supported decriminalization thought their jobs would be at risk for their legal behavior," said Rachel Gillette, a Lafayette, Colo., attorney whose practice focuses on marijuana law. "The intent and will of the voters was to say that this is a lawful activity."

Gillette, who also is the executive director of Colorado NORML, said she hears "every couple of months" from out-of-state residents who have lost their jobs after smoking legally in Colorado.

"People need to be very aware of their employer's drug-testing policy before they come to Colorado and partake," she said. "Most people probably haven't read it for a while, and maybe they need to."

Cleve Clinton, a lawyer with the Dallas of-

fice of Gray, Reed & McGraw, said legality is no protection against an employer's decisions about hiring and firing. A business owner can discriminate against people who drink orange juice or own cats just as well as a person who fails a drug test.

While the list includes protections for age, race, gender and religion among others, it does not include pot smokers—and probably never will. More likely, time and changing attitudes will iron out the discrepancy. Just look at the speed with which same-sex marriage became a mainstream cause.

In the meantime, travelers need to be aware that what happens in Colorado and Washington doesn't necessarily stay in Colorado and Washington.

"I completely understand an employer wanting to know if someone is impaired at work," said Gillette, the Colorado lawyer. "But it just doesn't make sense to fire an employee for legally smoking a joint two weeks ago at a concert in Colorado."

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A Taylor Swift man fan shakes off the haters



Mike Maxwell

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As an apparent grown adult, I have a confession to make: I have to come to terms that I am one concert tee away from becoming a Swiftie.

Look, before you give up on me or finish that spit-take, let me state the case for the undeniable truth: Taylor Swift is unstoppable.

My affinity for the Taylor is a multi-tiered rationalization only those with the utmost of self-confidence would entertain. Also, history led me here.

First off, I regularly was baby-sat by my older sister, who, as a result of her NKOTB dependency, made me susceptible to the most obnoxiously infectious pop tunes. Secondly, Taylor kind of reminds me of a college ex-girlfriend (and no, I don't consider myself the John Mayer of my former squeeze's past).

Taylor is the closest thing Americans get to a British pop star. She's insanely popular and engaging when singing, but man alive, when she speaks, she sounds like an uppity priss. I'd like to think of Taylor as a flirty and more attractive version of Nickelback. Raised by two highly successful financial types, her road to global domination while sipping Diet Coke-soaked endorsement money is one we all can relate to. She'd be perfect to replace Ricky Schroder in a "Silver Spoons" reboot.

Whenever I'm driving, I go Swift-surfing on the radio. On trips to the burbs, or even out of state, I can average one Taylor jam per every 15 minutes. It can be a challenge when I'm also talking to my wife and she hears "Shake It Off" three times during our call.

"Are you listening?!" Haters gonna hate.

It took years, but this fourth release from Dame Swift has grabbed hold of my subconscious. Over the years, I, a grown man, have not only downloaded a Taylor Swift song (or two, technically) but a whole album. Who does that sort of thing?

Oh, millions, that's right—"1989" is her third consecutive album to sell more than 1 million copies.

So a few weeks ago, I headed to Best Buy with one clear objective: purchase the new Taylor Swift CD.

Not since I was 18 and walking into the local convenience store has such a rush of adrenaline and shame hit me simultaneously. I made quick work and little chit-chat with the greeter as I darted through the store to

the remaining one aisle of albums that retailers contractually are obligated to keep.

Three laps around the music lane, and I see no signs of "1989"—just a confirmation that Best Buy has abandoned not only the music industry, but also alphabetizing by last name.

Without fail, a resourceful clerk sees me stammering over the CDs. Never have the words "Can I help you?" been so crippling. As I struggled with an answer, I fought over the long-term ramifications of telling this complete stranger that I, Mike of the Maxwells, was indeed looking to buy the Taylor Swift album, for myself.

Unfortunately, there seemed to be none left,

even after checking in back (because I hate to have to explain myself again at a new store). Curses. Fortunately, a trip to Toledo that weekend led me to the official Taylor Swift retailer, Target, and the deluxe version, which includes bonus tracks and a dozen "photos from Taylor."

Hey, there's a fine line between guilty pleasure and weird obsession.

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Final days of early voting

Chicago Tribune

With less than a week until the city election, about 61 percent as many Chicago voters have cast early ballots as did in the run-up to Election Day in the 2011 mayoral race.

By the end of Tuesday, 44,860 Chicago voters had voted early around the city, according to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. That compares with 73,268 early ballots cast before the February 2011 election when Rahm Emanuel won his first term as mayor.

Things may pick up in the last few days of early voting, which runs through Saturday. There were

ELECTION TALKING POINTS—TWITTER STYLE

RedEye let each of the mayoral candidates sound off on one point—whatever they wanted without any rules except for limiting their message to the Twitter style of 140 characters or less. For more from the candidates, go to elections.redeyechicago.com.

**“Get out and vote! Your voice makes a difference!”
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7,259 ballots cast Tuesday, the ninth day of early voting, according to the election board.

Early voting and mail-in voting increasingly have become a focus for campaigns as they get better at identifying likely supporters and try to get their votes locked up rather than wait for Election Day, when bad weather, busy schedules or long lines at the polls might deter people from casting ballots.

Early voting will be offered through Saturday at 51 sites, according to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. All the locations are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The locations are listed at **chicago elections.com**.

"I support measures to provide greater transparency in the reporting of the amount of TIF Funds diverted from the secondary taxing bodies."
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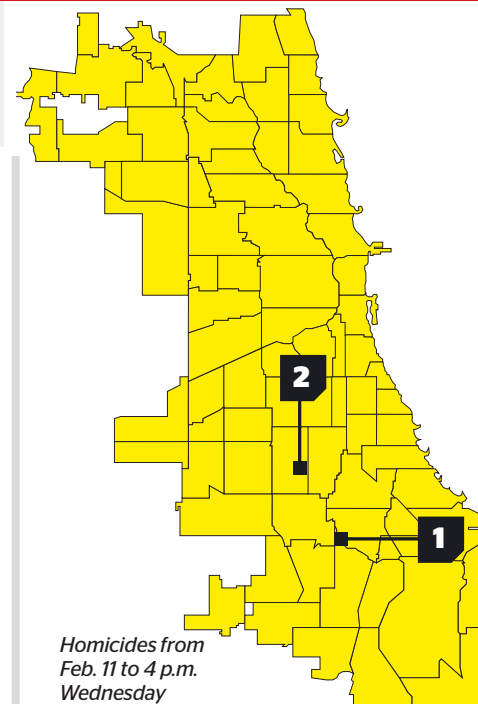
EXPRESS LINES

» Chance The Rapper was on hand Wednesday to celebrate the opening of a new recording studio at Woodson Regional Library, 9525 S. Halsted St., according to officials and the MC's own tweets.

» The death of a man Tuesday and the death of a man in January have been attributed to cold-related causes, officials said, which means there have been 20 cold-related deaths in Cook County so far this season.

» Authorities charged Carlos Luna, 18, in a gang-related shooting on the Near West Side that wounded a woman Monday. Luna is accused of shooting the 22-year-old woman in the back, police said.

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*Homicides from
Feb. 11 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday*

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Two homicides, both on the South Side, were reported in Chicago in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found, bringing the city's total number of homicides to 43 for the year, as of Wednesday afternoon.

That's up from 35 homicides at this time last year, according to RedEye data.

On Sunday, a 22-year-old man was shot to death in what was likely a gang-related attack in West Englewood, police said.

One day earlier, a 31-year-old man was found beaten to death in Roseland, according to officials. Police say they have not determined a motive in that killing. No one had been arrested in either case, as of Wednesday afternoon.

Roseland has four reported homicides for the year, tied with North Lawndale on the West Side for the most homicides.

In January, there was an average of one homicide a day, according to RedEye data. This month, 11 homicides have been reported. Police spokesman Martin Maloney credited the slowdown to partnering with residents and community leaders, putting more officers on the street in high-crime areas and intervening in gang conflicts.

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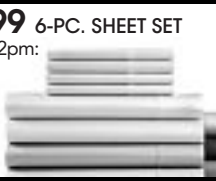
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The aftermath of a large explosion Wednesday morning at the Exxon Mobil refinery in Torrance, Calif., is shown in this aerial image from video. Four workers suffered minor injuries, according to an Exxon spokesman, in the blast that was the equivalent of a magnitude 1.7 earthquake, Caltech reported. **KTLA**

Diets worldwide are worsening

There may be more fruit, vegetables and healthy options available than ever before, but the world is mostly hungry for junk food, according to a study of eating habits in nearly 190 countries.

International researchers combed through more than 320 self-reported diet surveys from 1990 to 2010 and looked at how often people said they ate 17 common foods, drinks and nutrients including healthy choices like fruits, vegetables and fish and unhealthier al-

ternatives like salt, processed meat and sugary drinks.

Experts found that even though people are eating more healthy foods including whole grains and fish, there has been an even bigger jump in the amount of junk food eaten. The study was paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Britain's Medical Research Council and was published online Thursday in the journal *Lancet Global Health*, as part of an obesity series.



THE QUOTE

"I am my own man—and my views are shaped by my own thinking and own experiences."

—Former Florida Gov. **Jeb Bush**, speaking Wednesday to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and saying his views about America's place in the world will often be compared with those of his brother and father, both former presidents.

Parents arrested in baby's death

An Oregon couple involved in online pornography has been arrested on charges of murder by abuse after an autopsy determined their 7-week-old son died of starvation. Prosecutors allege the couple failed to provide adequate food and medical care.

Kate Brown sworn in as Oregon governor

Kate Brown was sworn in Wednesday as Oregon's governor following an influence-peddling scandal that prompted the resignation of fellow Democrat John Kitzhaber. The former the secretary of state becomes the first openly bisexual governor in the nation.

6 dead, 100 hurt in Ukraine withdrawal

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Think warm thoughts

Cubs' new era enough to give Chicago the fuzzies



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There's probably no other slogan in sports that represents spring, a new year and a new beginning better than "pitchers and catchers report." And for Cubs fans excited about another season of baseball and bleacher-based fun, no words could sound sweeter.

Lucky for us, it's now go time. The Cubs start things Thursday as their pitchers and catchers arrive in Arizona. Those interested in a first glimpse of the new Cubs can venture to Sloan Park for the team's first spring game March 5.

But for many fans waiting in the Chicago cold until the regular-season home opener April 5, it's not just the idea of a drinking beers at Wrigley and clear, warm skies that have them buzzing. There is a new sense of optimism, and this time it seems real. Whether it has been declared formally as such, Cubs fans see 2015 as the start of a new era. Why? Let's break it down.

Joe Maddon

There's a new manager in town. Joe Maddon not only looks the part of a winner, he brings with him a track record for turnarounds, postseason success and a healthy .517 win percentage.



Plus just look at the guy. He's got charm, and what seems to be a boisterous sense of positivity that shines from his smile, beaming out from behind those thick, horn-rimmed spectacles. Despite their much appreciated service to the Cubs, Dusty Baker, Lou Piniella and Dale Sveum never smiled like that.

And it seems Maddon fits us. Even in the

worst of years, Cubs fans never have been the grumbling, complaining, curmudgeonly type. Optimism is basically our deal. And word on the street is Maddon wouldn't have come here if he didn't think he could win.

Jon. Freakin'. Lester.

Better yet, the Cubs have held on to good players and picked up a few nice acquisitions. Fans are particularly pumped about the pitching, namely signing **Jon Lester**. He ain't no slouch. He is an accomplished three-time All-Star who knows a little bit about winning games in the World Series.

New traditions

And for what it's worth, there is

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also a different sense of celebration and commemoration afoot upon the bricks and ivy. This season will mark the first time the Cubs' home opener will be a night game. First up are the St. Louis Cardinals, a rival we love to hate but one that always brings a great crowd.

Expect a loud night on the North Side.

Sure, it's not even April yet. But I'm excited. And Cubs fans are eager for a new season and a new beginning. You can even be certain of the fact that Ernie Banks is smiling from above with a lawn chair parked and ready for the first pitch of spring training.

It's just the start.

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Joe Maddon is introduced as manager at the Cubby Bear in November. BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

MADDON = MAD GENIUS?

The 2015 season for the Cubs arrives with more than the usual “next year” optimism. New manager Joe Maddon probably has a few tricks up his sleeve. A.F.

SLOGANS

At the start of the 2008 season, Maddon, then manager of Tampa Bay, coined the puzzling term “9 = 8” to motivate his team. It meant “nine players playing nine innings together to become one of the eight playoff teams.” Playoffs was the least of it. He got the Rays to the World Series that year. Expect a snappy new Cubs slogan soon.

TURNAROUNDS

People forget that before Maddon managed Tampa Bay, the franchise never had been in the post-season. Prior to their World Series trip, the dismal Rays held 2007’s worst American League record. Overall, Maddon took the Rays to four postseasons in seven years. And as a coach for the Angels (1993-2005) arguably he had a hand in transforming a consistent last-place team into a World Series champ in 2002.

GIANT KILLING

When Maddon took the Rays to the ‘08 Series, they climbed over division powerhouses New York and Boston in the regular season, and also ended the White Sox’s postseason in four games. It’s doubtful St. Louis should scare him. Future Cardinal crusher? The home opener may tell.



Joe Maddon talks with the press at the Cubs Convention in January. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE FILE

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1	Jimmy Butler is on Sports Illustrated's cover. You worried about a curse?	Nah. I'm more worried about the RedEye cover curse.	No. Winning and losing doesn't work like that.	No, unless it's the "Based God's Curse."	As long as Derrick Rose goes nowhere near that edition, we're fine.	Aw man. I'm Greek and we have so many superstitions already. Don't even get me started!
2	Who said this: "I went to lunch and started drinking?"	Me on Saturdays. Who doesn't love a good bloody mary bar?	Someone who then mumbled, "Your move, HR."	Rick Carlisle, after realizing the Mavericks signed Amar's Stoudemire.	Sir Charles. Right after he threw that guy through a window. Check please!	Pretty much everyone in any sales department in everywhere USA.
3	Alex Rodriguez is to apologies as the bitter cold is to Chicago winters.	... Justin Bieber is to music. No one's listening, so who cares what they do?	Michael Jordan is to humility. Happy belated birthday, MJ!	... Kim Kardashian is to a "slim figure."	... an Oscar award winner is to an acceptance speech.
4	If not the Bears, who is Brian Urlacher hoping will call him?	Jenny McCarthy. As soon as she leaves NKOTB's Donnie Wahlberg.	You're just trying to get me to make a Carly Rae Jepsen reference. And it worked. Damn you, Question Guy.	Jay Cutler.	Ghostbusters?	Amazon telling him his new middle school back is sold out.
5	How does your life change once pitchers and catchers report to spring training?	I get super jealous when I see photos of them out in the sun wearing short sleeves.	I become 5 percent less tired of winter. But still. Enough of this.	I have to answer questions about baseball a few times a month.	Everything just feels a little sunnier and warmer. For instance, instead of 9 degrees, it feels more like ... 10.	Means spring is one day closer!

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McCown (left) and Cutler chat before a game at Soldier Field. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE FILE

Jay and Josh: The Sequel?

It worked so well the first time around that the Bears are considering bringing free-agent quarterback Josh McCown back into the fold. He had a two-hour meeting with coach John Fox, among others, on Wednesday; eight teams have inquired about McCown, who spent last season with Tampa Bay. "It was a great meeting," McCown said. "It was good to sit and talk with them and be able to evaluate what they have to offer."

“THE MOUTHWATCH We're not up against a deadline. My experience has always been to be still, gather the information and then in turn use it to make better decisions. So we're in that process. And we'll keep you posted.”

—Bears coach **John Fox**, on quarterback Jay Cutler's future with the team

Better for bettors then ...

The Bulls' odds of winning an NBA title this season have dropped slightly based on some betting websites' pre-season projections. **mytopsportsbooks.com** gives the Bulls 8-1 odds to win the NBA Finals, down from the 6-1 odds the site gave the team as part of its season preview. **Bovada.lv** had the Bulls at 11-2 but downgraded them to 8-1.



Anthony done for the year

File this under "thank goodness **Carmelo Anthony** stayed in New

York." The Knicks forward has opted to undergo surgery on his troublesome left knee and will miss the rest of the season, the team announced Wednesday. Good thing Derrick Rose isn't much into recruiting after all.

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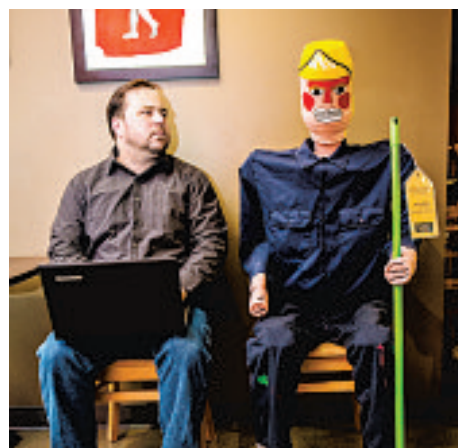
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FIFTY-THOUSAND WORDS.

That's the rough equivalent of 20 five-page college term papers furiously written the night before they were due. Thousands of Chicago writers—professional and amateur alike—sign up every November for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), or 30 days of motivation, collaboration and coffee at scheduled “write-ins.” Don't think, just write. The target is a 50,000-word book—or at least a first draft—and bragging rights.

And after November gives these projects life, the rest of the year is for editing and reworking. RedEye caught up with three very different NaNoWriMo writers to talk process, inspiration and how their most recent novels are coming along in the aftermath. **LAUREN CHVAL IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR. @LCHVAL**



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ERIC HENDRIXSON

A self-described “military brat,” Eric Hendrixson was never in one place for long as a kid. Born on base in England, he shuffled between states and countries so many times that he developed a sense of humor about the whole thing—because really, what could be more absurd than attending a half-dozen junior high schools?

Turns out, quite a bit. Absurdity is Hendrixson's bread and butter—he's a “bizarro” writer. What's bizarro?

“Remember back when there were video stores?” he asked. “And there would be a section called ‘cult films’? [Bizarro] is the literary equivalent of the cult section. There are lots of different types of bizarro fiction, but what they all share is this commitment to weirdness.”

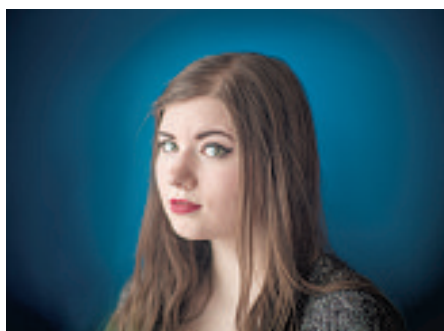
To get a sense of Hendrixson's weirdness, look no further than his first novel, “Bucket of Face.” The book, developed from his third NaNoWriMo attempt, centers on a Michael

Jackson-impersonating hit-tomato that tortures and kills people while dancing to “Thriller” and “Billy Jean.”

“I still get comments,” he said. “A couple weeks ago ... someone asked me what kinds of drugs I'm on when I'm writing this stuff.”

Eraserhead Press, an independent publisher of bizarro fiction, released “Bucket of Face” in 2010 and since then has included a story of Hendrixson's in a published anthology. The 40-year-old Hyde Park resident is now working on the second draft of his 2014 NaNoWriMo effort, titled “Precious Blood of the Lamb.” Hendrixson's editor already has seen the project, and Eraserhead plans to publish the novel this year.

“First drafts are always bad,” he said. “You just have to accept that about writing. There's nothing magical about 50,000 words, but if you treat it as if it were magical, then you're free to come up with all kinds of ideas and connections.”



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JULIANNE QUEENSEN

Julianne Queenesen has finished a novel every November since 2011. If anyone has a NaNoWriMo success story (or four), it's her.

She admitted that her first effort didn't have a ton of structure, and that she didn't care too much for the second and third. But it's the fourth and most recent project—"The Recollection," a creepy story about a woman looking for her family's history in Alaska—that gives Queenesen a sense of pride.

"Now that I've had three years of practice," she joked.

The Columbia College Chicago senior and Bucktown resident gave NaNoWriMo a try during the fall of her freshman year because she "needed more friends" and has been hooked ever since. She's especially obsessed with "word wars," a NaNoWriMo staple. These battles take place either online

or at planned write-ins and involve writers typing as quickly as possible for a 10- or 15-minute block.

"You write as fast as you can—you don't think about it," Queenesen said. "And whoever has the most words at the end wins something or bragging rights. ... Honestly, I could not complete this if I didn't have word wars. I just need to be able to destroy somebody with words."

Although she's in the midst of editing and reworking the end of "The Recollection," the 22-year-old has no plans to become a writer after her May graduation. The film major says she's more drawn to the visual, and her dream job would be in a graphic effects studio. Still, she doesn't think that will stop her from hitting her next 50,000.

"I don't intend to stop writing just because my job is something else," she said.



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DANIELLE SHIPLEY

Danielle Shipley can't say how many books she's written.

"I tried to count at one point," she said. "[In the] 30s, 60s, I don't know."

The Waukegan native favors fantasy and has a flair for the dramatic. Shipley wrote her first series when she was 16 and has been cranking out novellas ever since. In 2013, she self-published her first book, "The Swan Prince," the first in her "Wilderhark Tales" series. In December, she released "The Sun's Revival," the fifth book in the eight-book series. For the math-impaired, that's five books in less than two years.

"The Wilderhark Tales" are fairytale mash-ups—the first combines a dash of "Beauty and the Beast" with Hans Christian Andersen's "The Wild Swans." These hypothetical retellings have been Shipley's sweet spot ever since her summer gig as a town crier at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Kenosha, Wis.

"There was a guy at the top of the gate fooling around who turned out to be Robin

Hood," she said, explaining the origin of her first NaNoWriMo project. "I was like, 'What if there's a renaissance fair where Robin Hood is actually Robin Hood?' I just had to write it."

In 2014, the 26-year-old devoted her NaNoWriMo time to completing "The Story's End," the seventh "Wilderhark" book, which she plans to publish in the fall.

NaNoWriMo might seem unnecessary for someone who clearly doesn't suffer from any sort of writer's block, but in addition to loving the camaraderie between authors (she met her now-best friend through NaNoWriMo), Shipley said the project puts writing at the top of her list.

"It's to make certain that I always prioritize writing if nothing else at least once a year," she said. "Because it's so easy to get distracted doing other things and say, 'Oh, I'll get to it.' And I know I will get to it, but it's nice to be able to say, 'Everything else can take a number. This month is for writing, first and foremost.'"

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'Queen of Crime' hopes to carry success to U.S.

By **Elise De Los Santos** | REDEYE

Just two months into 2015, and Sara Blaedel already is having quite a year.

The Danish author recently won the Golden Laurel award, Denmark's most prestigious literary award.

At the time, Blaedel already was celebrating the U.S. release of "The Forgotten Girls," which was published Feb. 3. Technically the seventh book in her crime fiction series that follows homicide detective Louise Rick and journalist Camilla Lind, "The Forgotten Girls" will be the first of a trilogy for American readers.

Dubbed Denmark's "Queen of Crime," Blaedel has been voted the country's most popular author four times. She spoke Monday to RedEye via phone from Atlanta, the first stop on her U.S. book tour. Read the full interview at redeychicago.com/crimequeen.

On winning the Golden Laurel award:

I thought [my publisher and I] just went in [to the publishing house] for coffee, and then there was a huge crowd of media people [there]. ... I was quite shocked. They gave me flowers, I got a hug from the guy who said, "Congratulations, you won the Golden Laurel!" I was just dropping the flowers on the floor, I was so surprised.

On putting her personal experiences in the series:

Everybody was talking about [the character], "Oh, Camilla, you have to find a man, you have to be happy, settle down." And in my opinion, it's not always necessary to find a man and settle down to have a happy life. ... Now, I've been married eight years and just divorced. And, "Ah, you have to find a man so

SARA BLAEDEL

In conversation with Sara Paretsky, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Women & Children First (5233 N. Clark St.)

you can settle down and be happy." Sorry, I am happy! What's wrong with it?

On the translation process: For the first time, I felt that both my editor and my agent were extremely committed ... to making the translation as good as possible. ... It can be so frustrating if you don't have the language as your first language because in Japan, in South Korea, Budapest, I don't have a chance to control it.

On what drives her to write: I don't have deadlines for my Danish publisher. They don't say, "You have to deliver once a year." It's much more myself who says, "I have to write now, otherwise I go crazy."

On how her writing affects her: Some of the days when I've [been writing] a tough scene, I'm very affected so I can be really, really sad or really, really angry. And sometimes, my son says ... "Oh, Mom, did you kill somebody today?"

On whether she'll try to write in another genre: It will always be something in crime fiction. ... I don't like to write sex scenes into my books. I do it, but I don't enjoy it, so I will not be an erotica writer. ... And the research part, I cannot go out researching anything about love. I don't know anything about love! Love is just something that happens.

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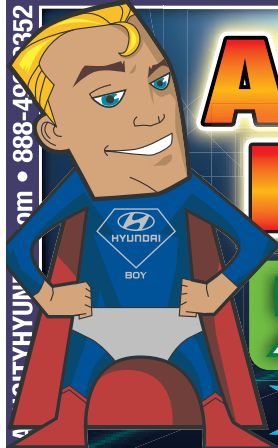
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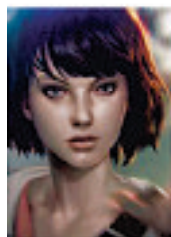
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Life is Strange

PC, PlayStation 3 & 4,
Xbox 360 & One

Some games are easier to admire than to enjoy.

Take the case of "Life is Strange," a new narrative-driven downloadable from French developer Dontnod. In a medium where too many stories dwell on the violent actions of young white men, "Life is Strange" focuses on the inner life of an ordinary teen girl. Well, sort of ordinary. Max Caulfield is an aspiring photographer at an exclusive Oregon prep school who suddenly finds herself with the power to rewind time and change the past. There are times when "Strange" resembles '90s high school soap "My So-Called Life" mixed with the supernatural hijinks of "Twin Peaks," but the game is saddled with line-eared dialogue seemingly written by a middle-aged man trying to pass as a teenager. It diminishes the game's drama when characters are throwing in dated slang like "hella" or "chillaxin'" every other sentence. Life might be strange, but everyday vocabulary shouldn't be.



Evolve

PC, PlayStation 4,
Xbox One

What would it be

like to play as the final boss of a video game? "Evolve" grants gamers the unique chance of playing both sides of a futuristic war between man and monster. You can opt to join three friends as so-called Hunters sent to protect a human colony, or play the role of the big, bad alien menace who's out for blood. There's plenty of action, but less gunplay than most shooters as "Evolve" focuses more on the thrill of the chase than your skill with a rifle. If you can manage to find worthy teammates (it's not easy), being a Hunter has its moments, but the game really stands out when you finally get the hang of controlling any of the trio of ferocious monsters. Breaking bad in "Evolve" feels pretty good.



Shadowmatic

iPhone/iPad



As a kid, you probably tried at least once to make shadow puppets with your hands and a flashlight. The new iOS game "Shadowmatic" takes that concept and expands it into a wondrous puzzle game. Contorted 3-D shapes are suspended in midair, casting a shadow against the wall. Your job is to spin and twist these pieces in the light until you find a recognizable object—like an animal or a household object. You're given easy puzzles to sort through at first, but eventually must put together multiple shapes. "Shadowmatic" has a Zen-like simplicity, but it's brilliant enough that it feels as much like a work of art as a video game.

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Catching up with the 'Gossip Girl' star-turned-aspiring musician

By Morgan Olsen | FOR REDEYE

When "Gossip Girl" wrapped in 2012, Leighton Meester left Blair Waldorf behind to pursue very un-Blair-like hobbies—a stint on Broadway's "Of Mice and Men" and a career singing folk music.

Oh, and she married Adam Brody—but we have a feeling Blair would support that choice.

Last October the 28-year-old actress/singer released her debut album, "Heartstrings," a self-funded collection of vulnerable lyrics delivered via usually soft, occasionally soaring vocals. The performer talked to RedEye by phone before hitting the road on a seven-stop tour that lands in Chicago on Tuesday.

How she describes her music:

Oh, man. That's the hardest question of all. It's so hard to describe your thing. It's got folk; it's got an ethereal, dreamy, electric sound, but there's a lot of acoustic instrumentation. It's really driven mostly by my lyrics and melody, so it's a singer-songwriter style.

The most surreal thing about recording her own album:

Writing is a wonderful release and cathartic in letting me unpack feelings about different experiences. ... The recording was really cool because we got in a studio with pre-produced songs and played them live with a band—which was great. Ultimately, at the end, I really love writing and I love performing. Now that the music is out there and it gets to live out of my computer, and people can hear it and see me perform, it's just so fun.



If she really, as some have reported, wears bodysuits under her clothes while performing:

That's somewhat true. I think I was skirting around saying I don't like wearing bras. It inhibits breathing and movement. A lot of the time I'll wear a bodysuit to keep it all in, you know?

If she has any weird backstage requests:

Not really. If I go places that don't have one, I'll bring a tea kettle just so I can have warm liquids. I don't really need much. I guess some wine or whiskey for my band. Besides

that, really not much. That's boring stuff. You're like, "Do you do red M&Ms or not?"

Her go-to karaoke song:

I actually have a karaoke machine in my house. I'm looking at it right now. I sing a lot of Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline. Mind you, I do a lot of this by myself in the middle of the day. That's the danger of having a karaoke machine at your house—you do it all the time by yourself.

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CONNECTING 'HEARTSTRINGS'

Match your "Gossip Girl" spirit animal with a song from "Heartstrings" you're bound to enjoy. **M.O.**

- » If you love **Blair Waldorf**, listen to "Heartstrings"—Besides being the title track, this song is catchy and unexpectedly dark, just like Queen B.
- » If you love **Serena van der Woodsen**, listen to "Good for One Thing"—It's only appropriate that the album's most upbeat, pop-infused track goes to S. The tongue-in-cheek lyrics make it all the more fitting.
- » If you love **Chuck Bass**, listen to "Blue Afternoon"—With lyrics like, "Baby, I'm your slave/If you said so, I would," this song could

easily be the soundtrack for Chuck's steamiest sexcapades.

- » If you love **Nate Archibald**, listen to "On My Side"—It's totally possible that these melodramatic, lovey-dovey lyrics were inspired by Nate's puppy-dog eyes.
- » If you love **Dan Humphrey**, listen to "Dreaming"—Emo feels with a side of heartbreak? It fits the "Lonely Boy" persona a little too well.
- » If you love **Jenny Humphrey**, listen to "Sweet"—Think Little J before she went rogue in Season 3: sweet, down to Earth and a little naive.



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Manny Sofios' International Anthem at RPM Steak (clockwise from left); Tommy Lansaw's The Two Timer at Wood; Dan Rook's The Starting Gun at South Water Kitchen; Dianna Sanders' Caribbean Cure at The Promontory

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heard, the best drunk food at 2:30 a.m.—you get the idea). Next, celebrate with them at the Final Shakedown at Untitled (1111 W. Kinzie St.) on Feb. 24, when you can sample their signature drinks and vote for who you think should score the title of Best Bartender 2015. Buy your ticket (\$15 now; \$20 at the door, if available) online at redeyechicago.com/bartender, where you also can keep voting for your favorite bartender (one vote per day through Feb. 24).

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■ McFarland, USA (PG) (Closed caption) 7:00, 10:10
■ Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:55, 10:45
■ Seventh Son (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:15
■ Jupiter Ascending 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 2:20, 7:55
■ Seventh Son 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 5:20
■ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG) (Closed caption) 11:05, 1:50, 4:10, 3:10, 5:20, 8:20, 10:35
■ American Sniper (R) (Closed caption) 11:20, 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
■ Selma (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

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E. Side of Central Ave., Just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
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■ McFarland, USA (PG) ★ D 7:00
■ Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) ★ D 8:00
■ The Duff (PG-13) ★ D 7:00

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Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104
■ American Sniper (R) ✓ (Closed caption) 7:20, 10:40
■ Daryl Hall & John Oates: Recorded Live From Dublin (NR) ★ 7:00
■ Jupiter Ascending 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 1:20
■ Seventh Son 3D (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 12:50
■ Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) ★ (Closed caption) 1:45, 4:45, 7:50, 10:50
■ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water 3D (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15
■ Seventh Son (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 3:50, 10:35
■ Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 4:20
■ Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) ★ ✓ (Closed caption) 1:10, 4:10
■ The Wedding Ringer (R) (Closed caption) 11:20
■ Fifty Shades of Grey (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:00, 10:30
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■ McFarland, USA (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:00
■ Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) ★ (Closed caption) 12:05
■ Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) ★ (Closed caption) 8:00, 10:35
■ The Imitation Game (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:45
■ Selma (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:20, 3:10, 6:10, 10:05
■ The Duff (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 7:00, 9:35, 12:10
■ American Sniper (R) (Closed caption) 12:15, 3:20
■ Black or White (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:10
■ Somewhere Only We Know (NR) ★ (Closed caption) 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
VIP Premium 21+
■ Fifty Shades of Grey (R) ★ (Closed caption) **VIP Premium 21+** 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:00, 10:30
■ Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) ★ (Closed caption) **VIP Premium 21+** 12:05

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

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■ Seventh Son (PG-13) D 1:20, 6:45
■ Paddington (PG) D (Closed caption) 12:00, 2:25
■ Seventh Son 3D (PG-13) D 4:15, 9:45
■ Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) D 3:50, 9:30
■ Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) ★ D 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 10:45
■ Project Almanac (PG-13) D 3:15, 8:15
■ The Wedding Ringer (R) D 12:45, 5:45, 10:45
■ Fifty Shades of Grey (R) ★ D 1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40
■ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG) D 12:00, 1:15, 3:45
■ Jupiter Ascending 3D (PG-13) D 1:20, 6:50
■ McFarland, USA (PG) ★ D 7:00, 10:00
■ AMC Independent Good Day, Ramon (PG-13) ★ D 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40
■ Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) D 8:00, 10:30
■ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water 3D (PG) D 12:30, 4:30
■ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water 3D (PG) D 2:00, 3:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
■ AMC Independent American Sniper (R) D 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
■ AMC Independent Selma (PG-13) D 12:00
■ The Duff (PG-13) ★ D 7:00, 9:30
■ AMC Independent The Boy Next Door (R) D 3:00

**OAK PARK
LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)**

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560
■ Whiplash (R) (Closed caption) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40
■ Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:40, 4:20
■ Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55
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■ The Duff (PG-13) (Closed caption) 7:00, 9:15

**EVANSTON
CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)**

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♣
■ McFarland, USA (PG) D 7:00, 10:00
■ Daryl Hall & John Oates: Recorded Live From Dublin (NR) D 7:00
■ American Sniper (R) D (Closed caption) 7:00
■ Whiplash (R) D (Closed caption) 10:00



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WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

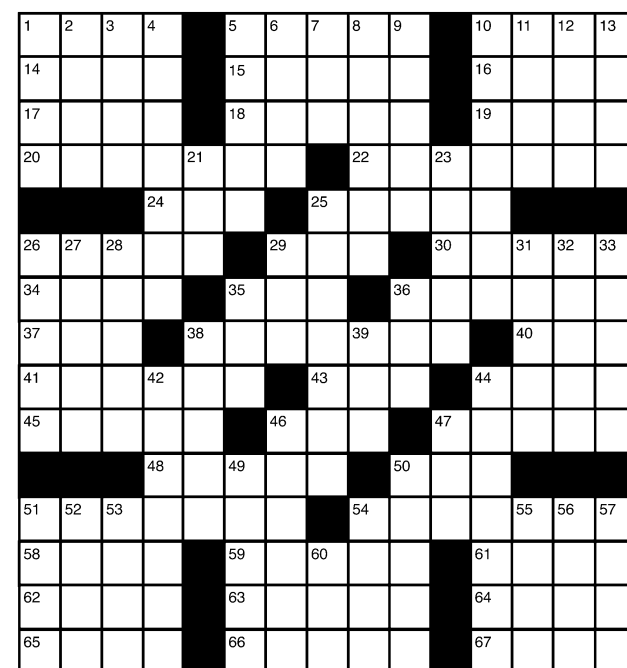


ACROSS

- 1 on; trampled
- 5 costs; by any means
- 10 Velvety green ground cover
- 14 Italy's capital
- 15 Shinbone
- 16 Crash; ram
- 17 Lofty poems
- 18 Unlocks
- 19 Read quickly
- 20 Bowling
- 22 Drug sellers
- 24 Pub beverage
- 25 Author Jules
- 26 Blacksmith's iron block
- 29 Knotts or Shula
- 30 Cheese-topped tortilla chip
- 34 One listed in a will
- 35 Purchase
- 36 Astrology chart
- 37 Go wrong
- 38 Escapee
- 40 "Along, Little Dogies"
- 41 Former teen idol Frankie
- 43 Space
- 44 Lunch spot
- 45 Put off
- 46 NM's neighbor
- 47 24 gold
- 48 Vacillate
- 50 -huggers; pants for Elvis
- 51 Adept
- 54 King Arthur's home
- 58 Walk the floor
- 59 Stringed instrument
- 61 Not taped
- 62 "Woe is me!"
- 63 Rotates
- 64 Spike & Pinky
- 65 Certain bills
- 66 Crush
- 67 Dad's sister

DOWN

- 1 Horse's gait
- 2 Went as a passenger
- 3 Foretelling sign
- 4 Hopelessness
- 5 Make amends
- 6 off; give a heads-up to
- 7 Lincoln, for one
- 8 Flowering tree
- 9 High-powered surgical



- 10 beam
- 11 Deceive
- 12 more; again
- 13 Celebrity
- 14 Male children
- 21 Sick
- 23 Bother
- 25 Seafarer
- 26 off; before
- 27 Boldness
- 28 Went; was viewed widely on YouTube
- 29 Push for payment
- 31 Stogie
- 32 Largest city in northern Israel
- 33 Group of eight
- 35 Simple hairdo
- 36 Electrocute
- 38 Fit for a king
- 39 Ear secretion
- 42 Actress Lucy
- 44 A; like the song of a choir with no organ
- 46 Monotony
- 47 Ms. Basinger
- 49 Sleeveless tops
- 50 Severe
- 51 Quarrel
- 52 Hardy cabbage
- 53 "see clearly now..."
- 54 Tins
- 55 In; of; as a substitute for
- 56 Kiln
- 57 Examination
- 60 -la-la...

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

- 1473:** Nicolaus Copernicus, the founder of modern astronomy, was born in Torun, Poland.
1878: Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph.
2000: George W. Bush defeated John McCain in the South Carolina Republican primary.
2004: Former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling was charged with fraud, insider trading and other crimes in connection with the energy trader's colossal collapse.
2006: Jimmie Johnson won the Daytona 500.

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No air

Pussy Riot finally has found a reason to sing in English. The Russian indie rockers released "I Can't Breathe," a collaboration with Yeah Yeah Yeahs' Nick Zinner and Miike Snow's Andrew Wyatt, on Wednesday in honor of Eric Garner, who was choked to death by New York police last summer. In their YouTube posting of the video, the women included a dedication: "This song is for Eric and for all those from Russia to America and around the globe who suffer from state terror—killed, choked, perished because of war."

Genie in a latte

Christina Aguilera has found a new way of giving fans a buzz. **Eonline.com** reports the singer paid for customers' drinks for an hour at a New York Starbucks earlier this week. According to a witness, she didn't even order a beverage for herself—of course, it was around 5 p.m., so we understand if she didn't want to keep herself up all night.



Panty raid

"Fifty Shades of Grey" probably had more, um, exciting props on set than most movies **Dakota Johnson** has worked on. So what did she decide to steal? Panties. "I stole lots of the underwear—they were comfortable," she told Glamour U.K. during a Twitter Q&A. We'd scoff, but fancy skivvies are mighty expensive.



THE DIGIT

2 That's how many flavors of Ben & Jerry's ice cream now are dedicated to Jimmy Fallon. The "Tonight Show" host unveiled his newest concoction, The Tonight Dough Starring Jimmy Fallon, on his show Tuesday. Here's what's in the bowl: an "extra-chunky concoction [that] combines chocolate and caramel ice creams with chocolate chip cookie dough, peanut butter cookie dough and a crunchy chocolate cookie swirl." Yes, yes, you've picked all our favorite flavor words.



The never-ending voyage

Yarr, "Pirates of the Caribbean" fans! A plot summary has been released for the fifth installment, because yes, people still are paying to see this stuff. In "Dead Men Tell No Tales," **Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp)** "finds the winds of ill-fortune blowing even more strongly when deadly ghost pirates led by his old nemesis, the terrifying Captain Salazar (Javier Bardem), escape from the Devil's Triangle, determined to kill every pirate at sea." The Trident of Poseidon also is involved, if you're into this for shiny, stabby stuff.

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THE QUOTE
“I was not myself around her for a year. I was weird and awkward.”

—“Selma” director **Ava DuVernay**, to The Hollywood Reporter, on getting to know Oprah Winfrey. The two are collaborating on a new dramatic series for OWN, “Sugar Queen.”



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